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FOR CSCE DELEGATION

1. NYT-JULY 30, PAGE 3 - MALCOME BROWNE REPORTS FROM BELGRADE ON CONTINUATION OF CONFERENCE DEADLOCK AND THE GROWING PRESSURE FOR ADJOURNMENT IN NEXT FEW DAYS. VARIOUS INTERMEDIARIES SEEKING COMPROMISE FORMULA HAVE DISSOLVED AND SOVIETS SHOW NO SIGN OF SOFTENING. SOVIETS SEEM TO BE PLAYING ON VACATION FEVER GRIPPING CONFERENCE, BUT WESTERN DELEGATES SAY IT IS UNLIKELY MEETINGS WILL BREAKDOWN AND DISSOLVE. MORE LIKELY THAT AFTER RECESS OF MONTH OR SO, PRELIMINARY PHASE WILL RESUME IN NEW EFFORT TO REACH AGREEMENT ON CUTOFF DATE ISSUE.
 2. SUN-AUGUST 1, PG. 8 - EDITORIAL SAYS CARTER'S STAND ON HUMAN RIGHTS WILL BE PUT TO TEST AT FALL FOLLOW-UP CONFERENCE IN BELGRADE. WHILE TEMPTATION WILL BE STRONG TO PLACATE MOSCOW, WITH ARMS CONTROL NEGOTIATIONS IN PROGRESS, PRESIDENT MUST FIRMLY ASSERT FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN VALUES.
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HIS REPRESENTATIVES MUST PUSH FOR DECLARATION CLOSELY APPROACHING SOVIET DISSIDENT'S GOAL OF "MORE OR LESS FORMAL CRITERIA FOR OBLIGATIONS ON HUMAN RIGHTS" IN ORDER TO KEEP

HELSINKI IDEA" ALIVE.

3. SUN-AUGUST 2, PG. 5 - REUTERS FROM BELGRADE REPORTS WEST GERMANY APPEARS WILLING TO ACCEPT COMPROMISE WITH

SOVIET BLOC OVER ARRANGEMENTS FOR FALL CONFERENCE, NAMELY, TO SET CUTOFF DATE AND LIMIT WORK OF SPECIALIST GROUPS. ACCORDING TO ONE NEUTRAL DELEGATE OF HIGH STANDING: "WEST GERMANY HAS VIRTUALLY SOLD OUT THE WEST'S BARGAINING POSITION FOR PURELY NATIONAL REASONS."

4. CSM-AUGUST 1, PG. 9 - ERIC BOURNE REPORTS FROM BELGRADE THAT ONLY HIGH LEVEL POLITICAL DECISIONS IN KEY CAPITALS CAN BREAK STALEMATE ON AGENDA PROPOSALS. WEST NOW PRESENTING NO SOLID FRONT AS IT DID AT START OF TALKS, WITH NATIONS LIKE WEST GERMANY PREPARING FOR ACCOMMODATION FOR FEAR OF JEOPARDIZING DETENTE. NATURE OF THE TALKS INDICATES CONCESSION ONE WAY OR ANOTHER COULD BE MATTER EVEN FOR DECISION INVOLVING CARTER OR BREZHNEV.

5. NYT-AUGUST 3, PG. 5 - REUTERS FROM BELGRADE SAYS ROMANIA HAS PUT FORWARD A COMPROMISE FORMULA THAT COULD BRING AGREEMENT BY END OF THIS WEEK. WESTERN DIPLOMATS INDICATE IT COULD PROVIDE A WAY AROUND SOVIET-BLOC DEMANDS FOR FIXED CUTOFF DATE FOR SPECIALIST WORKING GROUPS.

6. WP-AUGUST 4, PG. 15 - MICHAEL DOBBS FROM BELGRADE SAYS DELEGATES HAVE REACHED AGREEMENT ON GROUND RULES FOR REVIEWING EAST-WEST DETENTE AND HR THIS FALL, FOLLOWING CONCESSION BY SOVIETS ON FIRM CUTOFF DATE FOR TALKS.
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MEETING TO OPEN OCTOBER 4 AND COMPLETE WORK BY DECEMBER 22, BUT "AMBIGUOUS" NATURE OF THE AGREEMENT LEAVES OPEN THE POSSIBILITY OF RECONVENING FROM MID-JANUARY TO MID-FEBRUARY, OR EVEN LATER IF IS A DEADLOCK, TO DRAFT CONCLUDING DOCUMENT. LATEST CONCESSIONS LARGELY THE RESULT OF LAST MINUTE STAND BY U.K. AND OTHERS. AMERICAN DELEGATES ACKNOWLEDGED THE AGREEMENT MET ALL MAJOR U.S. OBJECTIVES, WHILE SOVIETS ALSO SUCCEEDED IN IMPOSING EIGHT-WEEK TIME LIMIT ON WORK OF COMMITTEES AND AVOIDED PROSPECTS OF OPEN-ENDED HR NEGOTIATIONS.

7. NYT-AUGUST 4, PG 11 - MALCOLM W. BROWNE REPORTS FROM BELGRADE ON THREE MAJOR CONCESSIONS OFFERED BY SOVIETS TO END MONTH-LONG DEADLOCK. ADDING "CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENTS" TO SPANISH PROPOSAL, SOVIETS AGREED, FIRST, TO KEEP FALL MEETING IN SESSION UNTIL CONCLUDING DOCUMENT AND TIME AND PLACE OF FOLLOW-UP CONFERENCE ARE ADOPTED. SECONDLY, SPECIAL COMMITTEES WILL STILL BE EXPECTED TO COMPLETE WORK BY DECEMBER 9, BUT IF NOT, THEY WOULD BE REPLACED BY

DRAFTING COMMITTEES UNTIL COMPLETED. THIRD CONCESSION IS AFFIRMATION THAT RULE OF CONSENSUS REMAIN IN EFFECT FOR ALL

PROCEEDINGS, MEANING FALL CONFERENCE MAY NOT BE CLOSED
UNTIL ALL PARTICIPANTS AGREE.

8. SUN-AUGUST 4, PG. 1 - AP FROM BELGRADE SAYS SURPRISE
SOVIET CONCESSIONS APPEAR TO INSURE FALL REVIEW SESSION
WILL OPEN ON SCHEDULE. YULI VORONTSOV SAID SOVIET
DELEGATION ENDORSED SPANISH PROPOSAL, BASED ON PROPOSAL
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